



RCMP "O" DIVISION CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
Border Integrity Open Source Results for 2022-02-13, 1600 hours

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AIM

To provide RCMP O Division with passive open source information identified on 2022-02-13 by 1600 hours, pertaining to the ongoing protests known as the "Freedom Convoy" at or near Ontario land and air ports of entry (POE) in Ontario.

KEY FINDINGS

- A small group of protestors have set up at Central Ave & Garrison Rd in Fort Erie in a scaled-down demonstration blocking traffic.
- Two different individuals s.37 indicated they intended to return to the Ambassador Bridge at an unspecified future date/time.
- s.37 urged individuals visiting the Windsor protest site to park at s.37 s.37, likely the result of vehicle removals from a lot on Huron Church Rd.
- There have been callouts on social media for more people to attend the protest in Windsor. No posts of concern were located regarding any upcoming large-scale organized events in the Windsor area.
- Some protesters in Windsor are upset with the tow truck drivers; however, no posts of concern were located regarding the safety of tow truck drivers.

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Peace Bridge

The Peace Bridge remains open to traffic this afternoon. OPP are keeping the QEW closed from Gilmore Rd to the Peace Bridge to discourage protestors. Only a few protestors appear to be gathering today on the Canadian side of the bridge, primarily congregating at Central Ave & Garrison Rd, the site of the protest from last night.ⁱ Demonstrations are expected at the Peace Bridge in Buffalo, where the "Convoy to Save America" anti-vaccine mandate protest is set to take place. The demonstration involves out-of-state truckers, who are traveling from Nashville to the Peace Bridge in a "freedom convoy."ⁱⁱ

Rainbow Bridge

No posts of concern regarding this location.

Whirlpool Bridge

No posts of concern regarding this location.

Queenston-Lewiston Bridge

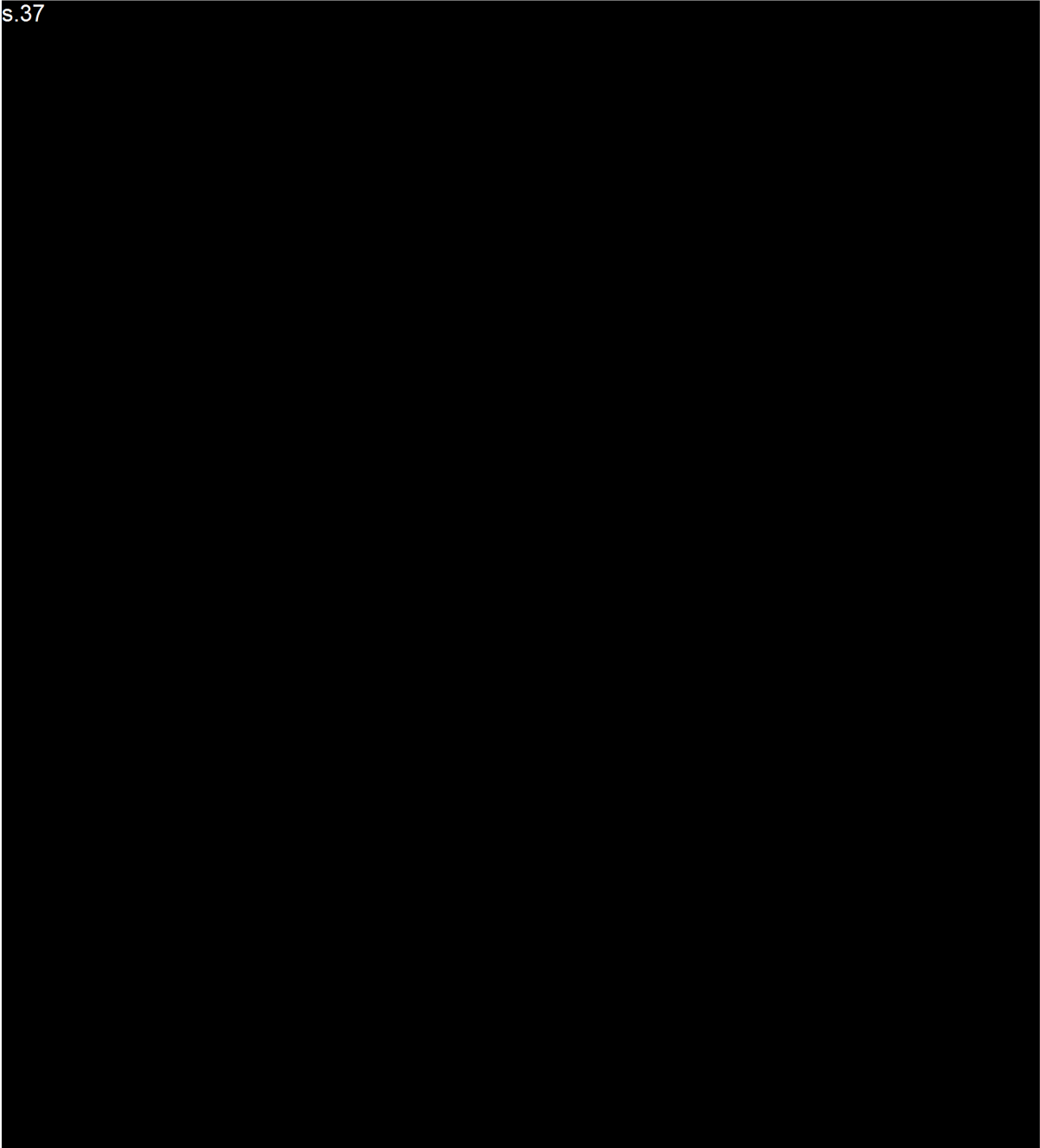
No posts of concern regarding this location.

CORNWALL

No posts of concern regarding this location.

WINDSOR

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Since the protest at the Ambassador Bridge has been dispersed, the Facebook Group 'WINDSOR SLOWDOWN to support the Ottawa Convoy' had posts calling for more people to come to Windsor (Figure 4). A few replies suggested some individuals were planning to attend.^{vi}

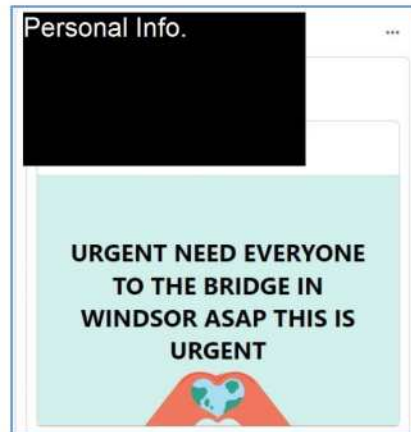


Figure 4 Facebook post urging people to come to Windsor

Tow trucks arrived to remove vehicles. Some Facebook users have suggested giving the tow truck companies bad reviews.^{vii} Some protesters are upset with the tow truck drivers; however, no posts of concern were located regarding the safety of tow truck drivers.

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An unverified Twitter post stated that the trucker convoy is now blocking both sides of the Blue Water Bridge (Figure 5).^{viii} The official Twitter account for the Michigan Department of Transportation Blue Water Bridge indicates that as of 1400hrs, the wait time to head into the US is less than 15 minutes for passenger vehicles and 30-45 minutes for commercial vehicles. Eastbound traffic into Canada wait times are less than 15 minutes for passenger and commercial vehicles.^{ix}



Figure 5 Twitter post - Blue Water Bridge

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No posts of concern were observed.

KINGSTON

There is one post consisting of vehicles coming from Cornwall to engage in the Ottawa protests. Counter-protestors appear more motivated today after some success in disrupting convoys in various cities this weekend.^x

OTTAWA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – YOW

No posts of concern were observed in relation to the Ottawa International Airport.

TORONTO PEARSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – YYZ

No posts of concern were observed in relation to the Toronto Pearson International Airport (TPIA)

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATION

With the fluidity and ever evolving situations at or near the POEs, continued live query support of open source media is warranted in order to provide updated situational awareness for RCMP O Division and partner agencies.

LIIMITATIONS

Although effort has been made to review all publicly visible social media and web sources for information relevant to this brief, the absence of threat information herein should not be taken as an exhaustive examination of potential threats. A large volume of information is available online and constantly evolving.

There have been several references to the Facebook Group ‘Convoy 2022 War Room’ which is a private group that passive open source querying cannot access; therefore, information within this group is excluded from analysis.

DISSEMINATION

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ⁱ [U] Twitter post from [Personal Info.], twitter.com/[Personal Info.]/status/1492927312828022790, accessed 2022-02-13.

ⁱⁱ [U] Protestors rally against the Canadian trucker vaccine mandate near the Peace Bridge in Buffalo.
<https://www.wivb.com/news/local-news/buffalo/protestors-rally-against-the-canadian-trucker-vaccine-mandate-near-the-peace-bridge-in-buffalo/>

ⁱⁱⁱ (U) <https://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/detroit/2022/02/13/ambassador-bridge-protests-arrests/6775034001/>, accessed 2022-02-13

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^{vi} [U] [facebook.com/groups/256949072340529/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/256949072340529/), accessed 2022-02-13

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